

Exact solution of position dependent mass Schrödinger equation for the Hulthen plus Coulomb tensor potential

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ABSTRACT

One of the main objectives in theoretical physics since the early years of quantum mechanics (QM) is to obtain an exact solution of the Schrödinger equation for some special physically important potentials. Since the wave function contains all necessary information for full description of a quantum system. Analytical solution of the Schrödinger equation is of high importance in non-relativistic and relativistic quantum mechanics. The development of potential theory offers compelling coarse-grained descriptions of fundamental interactions in quantum field theory. We have obtained exact solution of the position dependent mass Schrödinger equation for the Hulthen plus Coulomb tensor potential. Using the Nikiforov–Uvarov method, we analytically develop the relativistic energy eigenvalues of wave functions. The exact bound state energy eigenvalues and corresponding eigenfunctions are presented. The bound state eigenfunctions are obtained in terms of the hypergeometric functions.

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I. Introduction

One of the fundamental methods used to obtain the exact solutions of quantum systems is called the series expansion method, which has been widely applied to study some quantum problems, particularly in obtaining the exact solutions of the hydrogen atom in almost all of classical textbooks[1]. A position dependent effective mass, $M(y) = m_0 m(y)$ associated with a quantum mechanical particle constitutes a useful model for the study of various potentials [4-11]. Systems with certain types of effective masses are found to be useful in the determination of physical properties of semiconductor heterostructures, quantum liquids and dots, helium and metal type clusters, and nuclei as well [13]. Quantum mechanical systems with a position dependent mass (PDM) generate interest for its relevance and importance in describing the physics of many microstructures of current interest, understanding transport phenomena in compositionally graded crystals, designing modern fabrication of nano devices such as quantum dots, wires and wells, developing theoretical models for effective interactions in nuclear physics, neutron stars, liquid crystals, metal clusters. These applications have stimulated a naturally renewed interest in the solution of PDM quantum mechanical Hamiltonians. Recently, solution of the PDM wave equation, have received much attention [14]. In different works complete classification scheme for kinetic energy operators (KEO's) describing a particle endowed with position dependent mass (PDM) [15].

In the case of external hyperbolic-tangent potential investigated the Schrödinger equation for a particle with a nonuniform solitonic mass density [18] and in extend discussed the (nontrivial) position-dependent mass $V(x) = 0$ case whose solutions are hypergeometric functions in $\tanh^2 x$. By using the PCT method [19] re-examined a new model of semiconfined harmonic oscillator with a mass that varies with position, which has the striking property of having the same spectrum as the standard harmonic oscillator model. In [20] using a recently developed technique to solve the Schrödinger equation for constant mass, studied the regime in which the mass varies with position, i.e. the position-dependent mass Schrödinger equation. A general point canonical transformation is applied for solution of Schrödinger equation for the Scarf and generalized harmonic oscillator potentials with the position-dependent mass using a free parameter [21]. For exact solutions of the position-dependent-effective mass Schrödinger equation several techniques were developed [22] and shown that the exact solutions are limited to a small set of systems. The objective of this paper is to investigate the position dependent effective mass Schrodinger equation for the Hulthen plus Coulomb tensor potential by using the Nikiforov-Uvarov (NU) method.

II. Position-Dependent Mass Schrödinger Equation

The one dimensional time dependent Schrödinger equation (SE) within the case of spatially dependent mass is written

$$-\frac{1}{2} \left[\nabla_y \frac{1}{M(y)} \nabla_y \right] \Psi(y) - [E - V_{eff}(y)] \Psi(y) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Here the mass function $M(y) = m_0 m(y)$. Primes stand for the derivatives with respect to y and we have set $m_0 = 1$. Hence, the SE takes the form

$$\left(-\frac{1}{m(y)} \cdot \frac{d^2}{dy^2} + \frac{m'(y)}{m^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dy} + V_{eff} - E \right) \Psi(y) = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$\left(\frac{d^2}{dy^2} - \frac{m'(y)}{m(y)} \cdot \frac{d}{dy} + m(y)(E - V_{eff}) \right) \Psi(y) = 0 \quad (3)$$

where V_{eff} has the form

$$V_{eff} = V_H + V_C \quad (4)$$

The potential consists of the Hulthén

$$V_H(y) = -\frac{Ze^2 \delta e^{-\delta y}}{1 - e^{-\delta y}} \quad (5)$$

plus Coulomb tensor potential

$$V_C(y) = -\frac{Q}{r}, \quad Q = \frac{Z_a Z_b}{4\pi\epsilon_0}, \quad r \geq R. \quad (6)$$

The parameter Z is the atomic number, while δ and y are the screening parameter and separation distance of the potential, respectively. The parameters a and b indicate the interaction strengths. The Hulthén potential is one of the important short-range potentials in physics. The potential has been used in nuclear and particle physics, atomic physics, solid-state physics, and its bound state and scattering properties have been investigated by a variety of techniques. General wave functions of this potential have been used in solid-state and atomic physics problems. It should be noted that, Hulthén potential is a special case of Eckart potential [2-3]. We use the following improved approximation for $\frac{\delta y}{1 - e^{-\delta y}}$ [17].

$$\frac{1}{y} \approx \frac{\delta}{(1 - e^{-\delta y})}, \quad \frac{1}{y^2} \approx \frac{\delta^2}{(1 - e^{-\delta y})^2} \quad (7)$$

It provides a good accuracy for a small value of potential parameters. Here, we consider the following mass distribution:

$$m(y) = (1 - e^{-\delta y})^{-1} \quad (8)$$

Explicitly, from the two mentioned potentials, we have

$$V(r) = -\frac{Ze^2 \delta e^{-\delta y}}{1 - e^{-\delta y}} - \frac{Z_a Z_b}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \cdot \frac{\delta e^{-\delta y}}{1 - e^{-\delta y}} = -\frac{(A + B)e^{-\delta y}}{1 - e^{-\delta y}} \quad (10)$$

with $A = Ze^2 \delta$, $B = \frac{Z_a Z_b}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \delta$. Having inserted the Eq. (10) into Eq.(1) we obtain

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi(y)}{dy^2} - \frac{m'(y)}{m(y)} \cdot \frac{d\Psi(y)}{dy} + m(y) \left(E + \frac{(A + B)e^{-\delta y}}{1 - e^{-\delta y}} \right) \Psi(y) = 0 \quad (11)$$

The above equation can be further simplified using a new variable $z = e^{-\delta y}$, and $0 \leq z \leq 1$, it will obtained as

$$\frac{d^2 \Psi(z)}{dz^2} + \frac{1 - 2z}{z(1 - z)} \cdot \frac{d\Psi(z)}{dz} + \frac{1}{(1 - z)^2 z^2} [-\epsilon^2(1 - z) + \alpha^2 z(1 - z)] \Psi(z) = 0 \quad (12)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} \varepsilon^2 = -\frac{1}{\delta^2} \cdot E \\ \alpha^2 = \frac{(A+B)}{\delta^2} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

III. Methodology

Now for implementing NU method, Eq.(12) should be rewritten as the hypergeometric type equation form presenting below:

$$\varphi''(z) + \frac{\tilde{\tau}(z)}{\sigma(z)}\varphi'(z) + \frac{\tilde{\sigma}(z)}{\sigma^2(z)}\varphi(z) = 0 \quad (14)$$

After comparing the Eq.(12) and Eq.(14), we obtain

$$\tilde{\tau}(z) = 1 - 2z, \quad \sigma(z) = z(1-z), \quad \tilde{\sigma}(z) = -\varepsilon^2(1-z) + \alpha^2 z(1-z) \quad (15)$$

The new function in [16] $\pi(z)$ can be found by substituting Eq.(15) and taking $\sigma'(z) = 1 - 2z$. Hence, the function $\pi(z)$

$$\pi(z) = \pm\sqrt{(a-k)z^2 - (b-k)z + c} \quad (16)$$

where,

$$a = \alpha^2, \quad b = \varepsilon^2 + \alpha^2, \quad c = \varepsilon^2 \quad (17)$$

The constant parameter k can be found performing the condition that the discriminant of the expression Eq.(16) under the square root is equal to zero. Hence, we obtain:

$$k_{1,2} = (b-2c) \pm 2\sqrt{c^2 + c(a-b)} \quad (18)$$

When the individual values of k are given in Eq. (18) are substituted into Eq.(16), the eight possible forms of $\pi(z)$ are written in the following forms:

$$\pi(z) = \pm \begin{cases} (\sqrt{c} - \sqrt{c+a-b})z - \sqrt{c}, & \text{for } k = (b-2c) + 2\sqrt{c^2 + c(a-b)} \\ (\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{c+a-b})z - \sqrt{c}, & \text{for } k = (b-2c) - 2\sqrt{c^2 + c(a-b)} \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

The polynomial $\pi(z)$ have four possible forms according to NU method, but we select the one of them which the functions of $\tau(z) = \tilde{\tau}(z) + 2\pi(z)$ [16] has the negative derivative, i.e. $\tau'(z) = -\left[2 + 2(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{c+a-b})\right] \leq 0$ and $\tau(z) = 0$ in the $z \in (0,1)$. Another forms have not physically meaning. Therefore, the appropriate $\pi(z)$

$$\pi(z) = \sqrt{c} - z\left[\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{c+a-b}\right] \quad (20)$$

and

$$\tau(z) = 1 - \left[2 + 2(\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{c+a-b})\right]z + 2\sqrt{c} \quad (21)$$

$$k = (b-2c) - 2\sqrt{c^2 + c(a-b)} \quad (22)$$

$$\lambda = k + \pi'(z) \quad (23)$$

To find a physical solution, the expression in the square root must be square of a polynomial. Then, a new eigenvalue equation for the SE becomes

$$\lambda_n = -n\tau'(z) - \frac{n(n-1)}{2}\sigma''(z) \quad (24)$$

The following expression for the constant λ are obtained, respectively

$$\lambda = (b-2c) - 2\sqrt{c^2 + c(a-b)} - \left[\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{c+a-b}\right] \quad (25)$$

$$\lambda_n = -n\tau'(z) - \frac{n(n-1)}{2}\sigma''(z) = n\left[2 + 2\sqrt{c} + 2\sqrt{c+a-b}\right] + n(n-1) \quad (26)$$

$$(b-2c) - 2\sqrt{c^2 + c(a-b)} - \left[\sqrt{c} + \sqrt{c+a-b}\right] = 2n\left[1 + \sqrt{c} + \sqrt{c+a-b}\right] + n(n-1) \quad (27)$$

If we solve equation (27) for \sqrt{c} , we find analytical formul:

$$\sqrt{c} = \frac{b - 2c - (2n + 1)\sqrt{c + a - b} - n(n + 1)}{1 + 2n + 2\sqrt{c + a - b}} \quad (27)$$

The resulting energy eigenvalue is

$$E_n = - \left[\frac{\sqrt{(1 + 2n)^2 + 8(b - n(n + 1)) - (2n + 1)}}{4} \cdot \delta \right]^2 \quad (28)$$

By applying NU method, we can obtain the radial eigenfunctions. After substituting and into $\frac{\phi'(z)}{\phi(z)} = \frac{\pi(z)}{\sigma(z)}$ and [12] solving the order differential equation, one can find the finite function $\phi(z)$ and in the interval it is easily obtained

$$\Psi(z) = \phi(z)y(z) \quad (29)$$

$$\frac{\phi'(z)}{\phi(z)} = \frac{\pi(z)}{\sigma(z)}$$

$$\phi(z) = z^\varepsilon \quad (30)$$

Beyond that, the other part of the wave function $y_n(z)$ is the hypergeometric type function whose polynomial solutions are given by Rodrigues relation

$$y_n(z) = \frac{C_n}{\rho(z)} \cdot \frac{d^n}{dz^n} [\sigma^n(z) \cdot \rho(z)] \quad (31)$$

C_n

where is the normalization constant and its value is $C_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^n n!}$ [23]. After using the following definition of the Jacobi polynomials [23]

$$P_n^{(p,q)}(2z) = \frac{(-1)^n}{n! 2^n (1-z)^p (1+z)^q} \frac{d^n}{dz^n} [(1-z)^{p+n} (1+z)^{q+n}] \quad (32)$$

the Eq.(31) passes to the following form:

$$y_n(z) = C_n \cdot P_n^{(2\varepsilon)}(1 - 2z) \quad (33)$$

Using the expressions (30) and (31) and putting them into expression (29), for radial wave function $\Psi(z)$ we find

$$\Psi_n(z) = C_n \cdot z^\varepsilon \cdot \frac{\Gamma(n + 2\varepsilon + 1)}{n! \Gamma(2\varepsilon + 1)} {}_2F_1(-n, 2\varepsilon + n, 2\varepsilon + 1; z)$$

It's known that C_n - is normalizing constant and is found from normalization condition:

$$\int_0^\infty |R(r)|^2 r^2 dr = \int_0^\infty |\Psi(r)|^2 dr = 2\delta \int_0^\infty \frac{1}{z} |\Psi(z)|^2 dz = 1 \quad (34)$$

For this we use the integral formula

$$\int_0^1 (1 - 2z)^{2(\delta+1)} \cdot z^{2\lambda-1} \{ {}_2F_1(-n, 2(\delta + \lambda + 1) + n, 2\lambda + 1; z) \}^2 dz = \frac{(n + \delta + 1)n! \Gamma(n + 2\delta + 2) \Gamma(2\lambda) \Gamma(2\lambda + 1)}{(n + \delta + \lambda + 1) \Gamma(n + 2\lambda + 1) \Gamma(2(\delta + \lambda + 1) + n)} \quad (35)$$

$$C_n^2 \left(\frac{\Gamma(n + 2\varepsilon + 1)}{n! \Gamma(2\varepsilon + 1)} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{2\delta} \cdot \frac{n \cdot n! \Gamma(n) \Gamma(2\varepsilon) \Gamma(2\varepsilon + 1)}{(n + \varepsilon) \Gamma(n + 2\varepsilon + 1) \Gamma(2\varepsilon + n)} = 1 \quad (36)$$

Then we obtain the normalization constant of the wave function as

$$C_n = \sqrt{\frac{2\delta n!(n+\varepsilon)\Gamma(2\varepsilon+1)\Gamma(2\varepsilon+n)}{n\cdot\Gamma(n)\Gamma(2\varepsilon)\Gamma(n+2\varepsilon+1)}} \quad (37)$$

IV. Conclusion

In this paper, the solutions of the position-dependent effective mass Schrödinger equation for the Hulthén plus Coulomb tensor potential have been investigated by Nikiforov-Uvarov method. It has been shown that, both the wavefunctions and the corresponding energy spectra of the system have an exact . An appropriate mass function has been introduced for solving the position-dependent effective mass Schrödinger equation.

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